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1. MEMBER OF USEC STAFF IS IN VIENNA TODAY, IN PART TO FURTHER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MISSION IAEA AND OURSELVES CONCERNING SAFEGUARDS PROBLEM. WE SEEM TO HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN NNIN OBTAINING US MISSION IAEA COMPREHENSION OF FACT THAT UNTIL EURATOM MEMBER STATES EITHER PERSUADE FRENCH TO GO ALONG WITH COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES OR FIND WAY AROUND FRENCH, THE ADEQUACY OR INADEQUACY OF THE SUPPORTING FACILITY ATTACHMENTS IS A MOOT POINT.

2. WHILE WE ARE FASCINATED BY HAVING OUR ATTENTION CALLED TO THE JUNE 18, 1958, EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, IN AND BY THEMSELVES SUCH STATEMENTS RESOLVE NOTHING. MOREOVER, FOR EVERY ONE THAT COULD BE PRODUCED OF THIS NATURE THERE ARE DOZENS OF OTHERS ALSO SUBJECT TO DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS IN THE LONG HISTORY OF MUTUAL EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH A BASIC DILEMMA. IN SEPARALE MESSAGE WE ARE SPELLING OUT EVIDENCE THAT LEADS TO DIFFERENT CONCLUSION THAN US IAEA DRAWS.

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3. WHAT IS NEW TODAY, AS WE SEE IT, IS A RECOGNITION IN

SOME PARTS OF US GOVERNMENT THAT IAEA INSPECTORS ARE SERIOUSLY
NEEDED IN CERTAINPARTS OF THE WORLD WHERE THERE IS REAL DANGER
OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND THAT IF EURATOM SYSTEM, SUPPORTED
BY THE NATIONALS OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY
LOOKING CLOSELY AT EACH OTHER'S PROGRAMS, WON'T WORK IN EUROPE,
ADDING IAEA INSPECTORS IN FORCE WON'T WORK EITHER. AS WE READ
HISTORY OF NPT NEGOTIATIONS MAIN IAEA RESPONSIBILITY IS TO
VERIFY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EURATOM SYSTEM, WHILE CON-
CENTRATING THEIR STILL LIMITED RESOURCES ON MORE CRITICAL
PROBLEMS ELSEWHERE. HINTON

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